Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center



Summer Programs June-August

Every Friday, Saturday & Sunday:

10am — Park Orientation in Front of the Visitor Center

11am/1:30pm/3pm — Mule Drawn Canal Boat Ride (Purchase Tickets in the Visitor Center)

12:15pm — "Ranger's Choice" Program (check with Visitor Center for topic of the day)

12:30 & 2:30pm — "Meet the Mules" in the Pen near the Washington Aqueduct

Bike Loaner Program: Saturdays & Sundays

Borrow a bike for **FREE** and enjoy 184.5 miles of adventure on our towpath.

June 18-19: Good Old Days Celebration

Saturday — Picnic in the Park

Bring a picnic to celebrate International Picnic Day, enjoy lawn games and period competitions, listen to heritage music provided by Mountain Dulcimers of Northern Virginia.

Sunday — Mules and then some...Lockkeeper Livestock
Judge the best fancy chicken and stroll along the historic towpath.

June 25: River Safety Celebration (11am-2pm)

Come learn how to stay safe and have fun at the same time.

June 25-26: Montgomery County Heritage Days

12pm-4pm Canal Events at Swains Lock. Meet a mule, tour the lockhouse to view the restoration progress.

July 2-4: Independence Day Weekend Celebrations on the Canal

Join us ALL weekend for patriotic themed boat rides. Hear a traditional reading of the Declaration of Independence, raise your voice in traditional musical interludes, and hear the re-telling of the American story.

July 16: Midsummer Canal Jam

Lonesome Fiddler Ramblers to perform bluegrass music behind the Tavern.

July 17: Celebrating Latino Conservation Week

Join us for a hike to Great Falls, picnic and games.

July 30-31: "Strangers Along the Canal"

The First Minnesota Regiment- Living History Encampment. Formal Programs 12pm, 2pm, 4pm. Informal programs throughout the Day.

August 25: Happy Birthday National Park Service Celebration!

Join Rangers for Cake at the Tavern. Ranger talk on history of the National Park Service.

August 27-28: Dog Days of Summer (10am-4pm)

Saturday — Musical Performances by Maritime Voices at 11:45am & 2:15pm.

Sunday — Ice Cream making demonstration and Lemonade at Tavern. Ice House program at Lock 19.

For details call the Visitor Center at: 301.767.3714

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